

BOOK REVIEW

The Pentatomoidea (Hemiptera) of northeastern North America with emphasis on the fauna of Illinois by J.E. McPherson. Published 20th May, 1982. 8vo, 240 pages, illustr. Southern Illinois University Press, P.O. Box 3697, Carbondale, Illinois, 62901. Price US \$30.00

This book provides a comprehensive, systematic treatment of the pentatomid bugs of north-eastern North America. Much of the text (96 pages) includes keys which allow identification to species, and data on the distribution and biology of these species. A map of each species' distribution in Illinois is included and also 102 figures illustrating characters used in the keys. There is a brief introduction of eight pages, eight tables summarising useful data, an extensive list of literature and an index. Some 120 species and subspecies in five families are covered.

There are no illustrations of the species; identification relies on the keys only. This is probably adequate in most instances but should doubt exist there is no ready means of checking a key determination. If figures of the species had been included the work would have been considerably more valuable.

While the book is, of course, of most value to those interested in the American bug fauna, it is nevertheless, of some interest to Australian workers. The keys to families and genera, together with their illustrations are useful. At US\$30 the book is worth purchasing by pentatomid specialists.

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